



COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego
Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 18, 2003
TO: Michael Uberuaga, City Manager
FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye *Donna Frye*
SUBJECT: Erosion in Tecolote Canyon Natural Park

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is ongoing erosion of the main trail in the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. The erosive damage is at minimum 150 yards long in varying degrees, with three feet drops in the trail at some points.

This erosion may be due to the storm drain outfall from the University of San Diego campus. The speed of the outfall from the storm drain coupled with having no measures to slow down or guide the water results in deep grooves in the trail.

I request the following actions be taken to rectify the situation:

- 1) Fill in the eroded portions of the main trail in Tecolote Canyon.
- 2) Investigate whether or not the outfall from the University of San Diego storm drain is causing this erosion. If so, the City needs to work with the University to correct this problem, so that the erosion does not occur again.
- 3) Investigate if the erosion is solely due to rainfall. If this determination is made, a plan to correct the flow of the rainfall so that it will not result in the erosion of the main trail needs to be developed and implemented.

I have attached pictures that demonstrate the severity of the erosion. Please work with Meredith McFadden in my office and Eloise Battle, Chair of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee before implementing any possible solutions.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt action to resolve this matter.

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Attachment

cc: Ellen Oppenheim, Director Park and Recreation Department
Ernie Anderson, Director General Services
Anne Hicks, Deputy Director Open Space Division
Karen Henry, Deputy Director Stormwater

